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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Erdman, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, here is a fabled plan that was discussed, and I guess this is...this is what I'm going to do and that was keep my word. I'd had a discussion with Senator Schrock that I was not supportive of an idea like this based on some of the problems that were there as far as breaking four precincts lying in Cherry County, making Scotts Bluff County a negative five deviation when my plan kept him at two percent, but if this is a compromise that we can work with I'm willing to...to keep my word. So the same arguments are still there. If you'll go back to the blue sheet, with the exception of the back of the first sheet, everything else is the same. In respect to the wishes of Senator Schrock, we're going to add Gosper County back to District 38. The deviation will still be one percent. That will be a four percent better deviation than what the committee proposed. It restores the community of interest of Johnson Lake and the Elmwood Reservoir with District 38; puts them in the same NRD; keeps part of the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District in the same legislative district. Gosper and Phelps County share a county agent. They have County Livestock Association together. They're joined by Highway 23 and they're both in the same educational service unit. That's District 38. That doesn't change. District 43, there are no changes from the committee plan. District 44 adds Perkins County; gives Gosper County to District 38; and adds Dawson County below the river/interstate; and adds the rest of Furnace County. That was a committee proposal with the exception of Perkins County. My deviation again, better than the committee's proposal. Mine is 1 percent, theirs is 2 percent. It maintains the entirety of the Upper Republican NRD. It preserves the Southwest Affordable Housing Trust for Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Hayes and Hitchcock counties and the office is located in Perkins County. For District 47, we've already added Arthur County with the Wickersham amendment. I would assume that all we would do in addition to that would be adding Grant County. And with respect of District 49, we take District 48 back to a negative 5 percent deviation and we give the residents of that area the same representation that they